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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in the above-identified patent application, copies of the documents cited therein and Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate). This Statement is being submitted more than three months from the application filing date and after the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, or a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311.

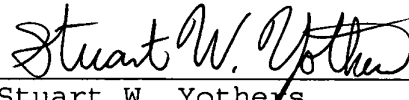
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (c)(2), applicants have enclosed a check in the amount of \$180.00 in payment of the fee for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement. The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with this Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this letter is transmitted herewith.

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